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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000368 - Ninth Avenue Drain, vicinities of Industry and Hacienda Heights (1 and 4), to W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., in amount of \$3,467,493.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000803 - Sun Valley Watershed - Sun Valley Park Drain and Infiltration System, City of Los Angeles (3), to Southwest Engineering, Inc., in amount of \$5,223,300.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000804 - Hollyhills Drain, Unit 8B, (Phase I), Cities of West Hollywood and Los Angeles (3), to Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., in amount of \$5,654,160.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000832 - Catch Basin Retrofit (2003-2004), vicinities of East Los Angeles, Rosewood, Compton, Paramount, and Pasadena (1, 2, 4, and 5), to United Storm Water, Inc., in amount of \$469,995.94.

Project ID No. FCC0000839 - Regional Project No. 1105 - Redondo Beach Area Low Flow Diversion at Herondo Street Downstream of Francisca Avenue, Cities of Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach (4), to Mehta Construction Company, in amount of \$576,750.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000867 - Project No. 46 - Low Flow Diversion at Rose Avenue, Cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica (3), to Clarke Contracting Corporation, in amount of \$499,050.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000870 - Project No. 569 - Low Flow Diversion at Avenue I, City of Redondo Beach (4), to Atlas-Allied, Inc., in amount of \$383,616.00.

Project ID No. RMD1546028, Palm Tree Trimming, Road Divisions 119, 514, and 519, 2003-04, vicinities of Montebello and Pasadena (1 and 5), to West Coast Arborists, Inc., in amount of \$64,832.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. FCC0000803 and FCC0000804.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2003-04 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 16, 2002, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for Project ID No. FCC0000368.

On January 31, 1995, your Board approved the Environmental Impact Report; on September 27, 1998, your Board approved the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report; and on April 13, 2004, your Board approved the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for Project ID No. FCC0000804.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

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To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000368, NINTH AVENUE DRAIN (in the vicinities of Industry and Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of reinforced concrete box and pipe storm drains, drainage structures, retaining walls, asphalt concrete pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 20, 2004 (Synopsis 46)

BID OPENING DATE: May 18, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low +W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., a corporation 7314 Scout Avenue Bell Gardens, California 90201 (562) 928-6111 | \$3,467,493.00 |
| 2 Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc. | \$3,927,555.00 |
| 3 Mladen Grbavac Construction Company | \$4,157,115.00 |
| 4 Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc. | \$4,357,523.00 |
| 5 Andrew Papac & Sons | \$4,380,833.00 |
| 6 Vasilj, Inc. | \$4,451,793.00 |
| 7 The SJ & B Group, Inc. | \$4,484,983.00 |
| 8 Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc. | \$4,547,544.00 |
| 9 *SRD Engineering, Inc. | \$4,695,268.00 |
| 10 Steve Bubalo Construction Company, Inc. | \$4,999,588.00 |

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$4,635,973.30 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$3,467,493.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract below estimate | \$1,168,480.30 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 25 percent below the engineer's estimate, which was based on average contract prices for similar items of work. Eight of the ten bids were below the estimate and reflect the competitive nature of the market at this time. W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts with the County; therefore, we recommend award of the contract to W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a DBE participation of 1 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On August 6, 2002, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 180 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August 2004 and be completed in May 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000803, SUN VALLEY WATERSHED - SUN VALLEY PARK
DRAIN AND INFILTRATION SYSTEM (City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of two stormwater infiltration basins and a reinforced concrete pipe storm drain, installation of stormwater treatment and telemetry systems, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 20, 2004 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: May 25, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | Southwest Engineering, Inc., a corporation 22333 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 216 Malibu, California 90265 (310) 456-7878 | \$5,223,300.00 |
| 2 | Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc. | \$5,263,122.50 |
| 3 | +Clarke Contracting Corporation | \$5,609,377.00 |
| 4 | G. B. Cooke, Inc. | \$5,658,500.00 |
| 5 | Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc. | \$6,101,865.00 |

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$4,516,312.50 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$5,223,300.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract above estimate | \$ 706,987.50 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent above the engineer's estimate, which was based on the bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates that the prices of several items were below current market prices. Since all five bids received were above the estimate and are very competitive, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Southwest Engineering, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15303, 15304, and 15306, of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 180 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August 2004 and be completed in May 2005.

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000804, HOLLYHILLS DRAIN, UNIT 8B, (PHASE I)
(Cities of West Hollywood and Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe storm drain, dewatering, treatment and disposal of groundwater, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 20, 2004 (Synopsis 49)

BID OPENING DATE: May 25, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc. 1500 West 9th Street Upland, California 91786 (909) 920-9977 | \$5,654,160.00 |
| 2 | Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc. | \$6,532,300.00 |
| 3 | Colich Construction, L. P. | \$6,960,650.00 |
| 4 | Colich & Sons, L. P. | \$8,730,710.00 |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$5,432,394.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$5,654,160.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract above estimate | \$ 221,766.00 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 4.1 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., has one MBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of one percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On January 31, 1995, your Board approved the Environmental Impact Report for the Hollyhills Storm Drain Project. On September 27, 1998, your Board approved the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, and on April 13, 2004, your Board approved the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 140 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August 2004 and be completed in March 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000832, CATCH BASIN RETROFIT (2003 - 2004)
(in the vicinities of East Los Angeles, Rosewood, Compton, Paramount, and Pasadena),
Supervisory Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Install retrofit devices in existing storm drain catch basins to reduce
the amount of trash and debris entering the storm drain system and
perform other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 13, 2004 (Synopsis 54)

BID OPENING DATE: May 11, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | *United Storm Water, Inc., a corporation 14000 East Valley Boulevard Industry, California 91746 (877) 717-8676 | \$ 469,995.94 |
| 2 | *Asbury Environmental Services | \$1,145,396.00 |

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$ 723,965.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$ 469,995.94 |
| Amount of recommended contract below estimate | \$ 253,969.06 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 35 percent below the estimate, which was based on last year's average contract prices for similar work. United Storm Water, Inc., performed satisfactorily on a previous contract with the County and has committed in writing to perform the work for the amount of their bid; therefore, we recommend award of the contract to United Storm Water, Inc.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District and the Road Fund for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

United Storm Water, Inc., an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in December 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000839, REGIONAL PROJECT NO. 1105 - REDONDO BEACH AREA LOW FLOW DIVERSION AT HERONDO STREET DOWNSTREAM OF FRANCISCA AVENUE (Cities of Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach),
Supervisory District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a low flow diversion weir; reinforced concrete transition structures; reinforced concrete box; reinforced concrete stormwater/sediment separator; and reinforced concrete sump with pumps, control system, and discharge pipes.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 13, 2004 (Synopsis 54)

BID OPENING DATE: May 11, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | Ram H. Mehta, an individual dba Mehta Construction Company 8405 Artesia Boulevard Buena Park, California 90621 (714) 521-9935 | \$576,750.00 |
| 2 | Atlas-Allied, Inc. | \$603,853.80 |
| 3 | +Clarke Contracting Corporation | \$613,500.00 |

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Van Elk, Ltd. (VEL), submitted a bid of \$550,700; however, their bid proposal did not include a copy of a resolution from the corporation's board of directors authorizing the person who signed the bid documents, including the bid bond, to sign on behalf of the corporation. Such a resolution is required at the time of bid submittal as stated in the "Instructions to Bidders." Also, the surety bid bond submitted with the bid proposal is missing the contractor's corporate seal, the title of VEL's principal, the notarized signature of the attorney-in-fact for the surety company, and the notarized signature of VEL's principal.

The bid bond submitted by VEL did not establish, unequivocally at the time of bid opening, that the bid bond would be enforceable against the surety in the event that the bidder failed to meet its obligations; therefore, the bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected in accordance with the "Instructions to Bidders."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$408,309.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$576,750.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract above estimate | \$168,441.00 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 41 percent above the estimate, which was based on the bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates that the prices of several items were below current market prices. Based on the bid prices received, we do not believe that readvertising the project would result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Mehta Construction Company, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (I), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000867, PROJECT NO. 46 - LOW FLOW DIVERSION AT ROSE AVENUE (Cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of low-flow diversion weirs in an existing reinforced concrete double box conduit; a reinforced concrete stormwater/sediment separator; and a reinforced concrete sump with pumps, control system, and discharge pipes.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 13, 2004 (Synopsis 54)

BID OPENING DATE: May 11, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low +Clarke Contracting Corporation, a corporation 4646 Manhattan Beach Boulevard Lawndale, California 90260 (310) 542-7724 | \$499,050.00 |
| 2 Atlas-Allied, Inc. | \$664,100.00 |
| 3 Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc. | \$858,450.00 |

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Van Elk, Ltd. (VEL), submitted a bid of \$546,620; however, their bid proposal did not include a copy of a resolution from the corporation's board of directors authorizing the person who signed the bid documents, including the bid bond, to sign on behalf of the corporation. Such a resolution is required at the time of bid submittal as stated in the "Instructions to Bidders." Also, the surety bid bond submitted with the bid proposal is missing the contractor's corporate seal, the title of VEL's principal, and the notarized signature of VEL's principal.

The bid bond submitted by VEL did not establish, unequivocally at the time of bid opening, that the bid bond would be enforceable against the surety in the event that the bidder failed to meet its obligations. Therefore, the bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected in accordance with the "Instructions to Bidders."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$366,482.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$499,050.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract above estimate | \$132,568.00 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 36 percent above the estimate, which was based on the bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates that the prices of several items were below current market prices. Based on the bid prices received, we do not believe that readvertising the project would result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Clarke Contracting Corporation has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2004.

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000870, PROJECT NO. 569 - LOW FLOW DIVERSION AT AVENUE I (City of Redondo Beach), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a low-flow diversion weir in an existing reinforced concrete pipe; a reinforced concrete stormwater/sediment separator; and a reinforced concrete sump with pumps, a control system, and discharge pipes.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 6, 2004 (Synopsis 40)

BID OPENING DATE: May 4, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | Atlas-Allied, Inc., a corporation 1210 North Las Brisas Anaheim, California 92806 (714) 630-3633 | \$383,616.00 |
| 2 | Mehta Construction Company | \$419,360.43 |
| 3 | +Clarke Contracting Corporation | \$474,760.00 |
| 4 | Vasilj, Inc. | \$518,750.00 |

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Van Elk, Ltd. (VEL), submitted a bid of \$347,280; however, their bid proposal did not include a copy of a resolution from the corporation's board of directors authorizing the person who signed the bid documents, including the bid bond, to sign on behalf of the corporation. Such a resolution is required at the time of bid submittal as stated in the "Instructions to Bidders." Also, the surety bid bond submitted with the bid proposal is missing the contractor's corporate seal, the title of VEL's principal, and the notarized signature of VEL's principal.

The bid bond submitted by VEL did not establish, unequivocally at the time of bid opening, that the bid bond would be enforceable against the surety in the event that the bidder failed to meet its obligations; therefore, the bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected in accordance with the "Instructions to Bidders."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$393,501.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$383,616.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract below estimate | \$ 9,885.00 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 2.5 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Atlas-Allied, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (I), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546028 PALM TREE TRIMMING, ROAD DIVISIONS 119, 514, AND 519, 2003-04 (in the vicinities of Montebello and Pasadena),
Supervisory District 1 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming of palm trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 30, 2004 (Synopsis 75)

BID OPENING DATE: April 27, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | West Coast Arborists, Inc., a corporation 2200 East Via Burton Street Anaheim, California 92806 (800) 521-3714 | \$64,832.00 |
| 2 | *H. Tree Landscaping Company, Inc. | \$70,889.74 |
| 3 | *George Salinas Tree Preservation | \$70,910.00 |
| 4 | Orozco Landscape & Tree Co. | \$71,722.00 |

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$81,485.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$64,832.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract below estimate | \$16,653.00 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 20 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

West Coast Arborists, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (J), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in August 2004.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The contractor's industrial safety record indicates an accident in 2003 resulting in a fatality. The fatality occurred when an employee was struck by a falling tree. Cal/OSHA investigated the accident and issued citations to West Coast Arborists, Inc. The case is still pending.

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